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Attention: Mr. Robert T. Carlson, Chief
Reactor Construction and Engineering
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Gentlemen:

NRC INSPECTION 50-272/80-24
SALEM GENERATING STATION, UNIT 1

We have reviewed the report of your inspection conducted by Mr. R. A. Brearty on October 6 and 7, 1980 and October 9 and 10, 1980. Our response to the item of noncompliance identified in Appendix A is as follows:

Item: Deficiency

The Salem Unit 1 technical specification 6.8.1 states, in part, that "Written procedures shall be established, ... covering the activities referenced below: a. The applicable procedures recommended in Appendix "A" of Regulatory Guide 1.33, November 1972..."

Regulatory Guide 1.33, November 1972, Appendix "A", Section I.1. states, in part, that "Maintenance which can affect the performance of safety-related equipment should be... performed in accordance with written procedures,..."

Maintenance Procedure M11F, paragraph 3.1, states, in part, that "...when the reactor vessel is open, the control area is the reactor vessel pit..." This procedure further states, in part, that "Control of tools and items in an area is by securing essential personal items... by taping to the body..."

Contrary to the above, on October 10, 1980, members of a work

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crew, including a supervisor working from a position over the reactor vessel pit, did not have essential personal items taped to their bodies or otherwise firmly secured.

Reply to Deficiency

The cause was an oversight on the part of some members of a Maintenance Department work crew. This error was compounded by the fact that tool control was being handled by the Operating Department which had responsibility for the refueling activities being performed; the Operating Department refueling procedure did not include a formal procedure for tool control.

The situation was rectified immediately. When the subject was brought to the attention of the maintenance personnel involved, essential personal items were taped to their bodies or otherwise firmly secured. Also, operating personnel responsible for tool control were instructed to read and follow Maintenance Procedure M11F.

The Operating Department refueling procedure has been changed to reference a tool control procedure and require its use and presence on the refueling floor.

If you have any further questions with regard to this matter we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

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